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SPACE:

Men and women are allowed to share dorm rooms at Swathmore College in Pennsylvania; PAGE 6

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Barnes discusses drinking

By Greg Kohliesser
REPORTER

He's coming!
Rick Barnes will be speaking tonight in the Union Ballroom at 9:15 p.m. He will be presenting "Drink Think: A Personal Approach to Alcohol."

"Drink Think" is an interactive, and fun, yet serious discussion about alcohol, the most widely used and misused drug in campus communities. The program recognizes the decisions students make about using or not using alcohol. Barnes urges students to hold their friends accountable for their decisions, creating a new type of positive influence.

Barnes asks students to consider why they might drink, how alcohol affects campus life and how it affects users and those around them.

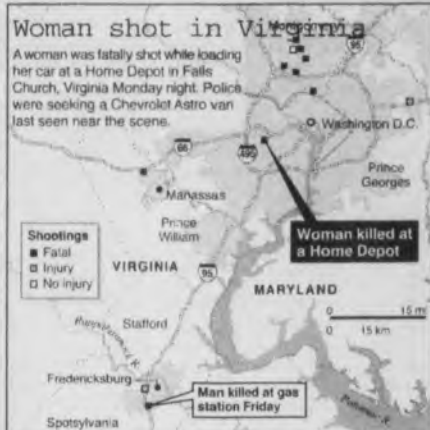
"Drink Think" is filled with humor, as well as facts. Even though the program deals with serious issues, it is not going to be a boring, drawn out droning speech about why you shouldn't drink. "Rick acknowledges the real-life decisions that every student faces, encouraging them to make the best ones," according to the Campuspeak website.

The Panhellenic Council, is one of the many groups that are responsible for bringing Barnes to the University. Jessica Leibold, the vice president of Programming for the council, says she chose Barnes for many reasons, but mainly for his mass appeal. "I chose Rick because I wanted to involve the whole campus."

Leibold encourages all students to attend. She also pointed out that attending the program and writing a paper on it is a great way for students with disciplinary sanctions to complete their community service. Leibold also noted that the program is a great way to fulfill the alcohol awareness requirements for Greek students and athletes who may need to complete them.

Rick Barnes is considered one of the top presenters from Campuspeak. He has been a member of the faculty for leadership conferences across the country and has been a featured speaker on more than 150 college campuses. Barnes has been involved professionally with Greek life for more than 18 years.

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SOURCES Associated Press, Home Depot, ESRI, GDT

Associated Press Photo

REVEALED: Police officers steady a composite of a Ford van being sought in possible connection with the sniper shootings.

Shooting reveals new clues

By Allen G. Breed
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FALLS CHURCH, Va.—An FBI terrorism analyst was identified yesterday as the ninth person killed by the Washington-area sniper, shot in the head in an attack investigators say has yielded the most detailed clues yet.

For the first time, witnesses were able to give information about license plates on vehicles seen fleeing the scene, including a light-colored Chevrolet Astro van with a burned-out rear tail light.

A law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said another witness gave a description of a dark-skinned man, possibly Hispanic

or Middle Eastern, in a white van.

"There was some additional information that we were able to get from last night's case, and I am confident that that information is going to lead us to an arrest in the case," Fairfax County Police Chief Tom Manger said.

Law enforcement sources said there was no indication the sniper targeted Linda Franklin because of her job. She worked for the FBI's Cyber-Crimes Division, created last year to focus on computer crimes as well as intellectual property cases.

Montgomery County (Md.) Police Chief Charles Moose, the head of the investigation, emphasized that Franklin was not working on the sniper case.

Franklin, a 47-year-old mother of two grown children, was killed Monday night as she and her husband loaded packages into their car outside a Home Depot store.

Ballistics evidence yesterday connected the slaying to the gunman who has killed eight other people and wounded two more since Oct. 2.

With the terrifying spree nearly two weeks old, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld agreed yesterday evening to provide military surveillance aircraft in the

hunt for the killer, a Pentagon spokesman said. Sources said federal agents on the plane will relay any information they collect to authorities on the ground.

The Army also has started searching its records for people with sniper training.

Separately, Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said investigators are hesitant to rule out the possibility that the slayings are the work of a terrorist because there is no hard evidence about motive.

Friends who gathered at

Franklin's Arlington home said she and her husband were planning to move to a bigger home in the area and were at The Home Depot to buy supplies for the move and the new house.

Franklin recently had a double mastectomy following breast cancer and was still in physical therapy at the time of her death, according to her friend Paul Hulseberg. He called her courageous.

"Linda was a dedicated employee, and she will be missed," FBI Director Robert Mueller said. "All of us are deeply shocked and angry over this tragedy."

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U. supports victims, awareness

By Sarah Dewey
REPORTER

There have been reports of three campus rapes at the University this semester, but many other rapes and sexual assaults will be left unreported.

It was estimated that a college with 10,000 female students will have 350 rapes per year, according to the United States Department of Justice in December 2000.

"I think there's a lot more happening than people know about," said Deidra Bennett, a Victim Advocate for the Transformation Project.

The Transformation Project is "a comprehensive, awareness,

prevention and advocacy service to prevent violence against women," Bennett said. Bennett works as an advocate, or a resource for women and men who have been raped or sexually assaulted. She refers victims to references, legal and medical resources, and helps them make decisions after any incident.

Rapes and sexual assaults do not only affect women. Men are affected also, but it is not as common and can be more difficult for males to come forward.

"It's hard for males to come forward, it may be harder for them to report," Bennett said.

"They are afraid of how they will be viewed if they are a vic-

tim." They are also less likely to get counseling, Bennett said.

The majority of sexual assaults and rape leave their cases unreported to police, said Officer Shawn Miller of the campus police department.

"They are not all reported by the victim. The health center or hospital is required to report it for statistical purposes," Miller said.

Barb Hoffman, a registered nurse and health promotion coordinator, said that the Women's Center will deal with about 12 rapes each semester, but they are dealing with rapes that happened off campus as well as on. The Women's Center is required to report the rapes that

occur, but they do not force the victim to file charges.

The Campus Security Act requires that rapes are reported by jurisdiction. If the sexual assault exam is done on campus, it is reported to the campus police, Hoffman said.

When a victim goes to the Student Health Center, they will be referred to either the men's or women's clinic, depending on gender. The nurses in both clinics are S.A.N.E. trained.

S.A.N.E., Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, requires that nurses are trained in the collection of evidence and have the knowledge of how to use a rape kit, said Hoffman.

A rape kit is the collection of evidence. Secretions from the mouth, vagina, rectum and in the case of a male, the penis, are collected for evidence. Other evidence includes: hair from the victim's head or pubic area, photographs if there is injury or trauma and collection of clothing, Hoffman said.

The physical exam does not cost the victim anything, because it is covered by the state. Victims are offered "a lot of privacy" in the Women's and Men's Health Clinics, Hoffman said.

The only time that the victim

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Civil liberties are lost

By Michael Ksenyak
REPORTER

The questionable need for legislation and the curtailing of civil liberties became the primary topic of the panel discussion in Olscamp last night.

A half-filled room gathered to hear six panel members discuss the loss of civil liberties after Sept. 11, 2001. "The War on Terrorism: Are We Losing What We're Fighting to Defend?" was hosted by the Honors Student Association.

"We want our land to become again the land where everyone is

innocent until proven guilty ... but we are all guilty until proven innocent," Imam Farouq said, director of the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo.

Farouq is originally from Egypt and has lived in the United States for 12 years.

"It is not safe for my daughter to walk from school to the house like she used to," he said. "Sept. 11 became an excuse for anyone, if you are my neighbor and don't like me, to call 911 or the FBI and say I'm suspicious."

Since Sept. 11, organizations in the government have inter-

viewed 8,000 Arab Americans just because of their nationality, according to Rachel Buff, assistant professor of history.

"If you, a citizen, give to a charity that helps El Salvador and it is later linked to terrorism, you can come under suspicion," she said. "Immigrants and radicals are the canaries in the coal mine for civil liberties for all of us," she added.

Shortly after Sept. 11 the USA PATRIOT ACT was passed and was rushed through Congress with almost no debate, Robert

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EDO DANCE



Jeff Braun BG News

EDO MARIONETTES: Mitsuru Kamijo organized Edo Marionettes in 1993 after studying the 350 year-old art of puppeteering for thirteen years.

FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

THURSDAY



PM Showers
High: 54°
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FRIDAY



Mostly Cloudy
High: 38°
Low: 34°

SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 55°
Low: 36°

SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 56°
Low: 35°

Center helps rape victims cope

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has to pay for the costs of medical treatment is if they do not have evidence collected, said Bennett.

Some of the side effects of being the victim of a sexual assault are: contracting sexually transmitted infections (commonly known as sexually transmitted diseases), unwanted pregnancy, adopting negative health behaviors (such as smoking and drinking), depression and anxiety, difficulty concentrating on school work, low self-esteem and problems with sexual functioning and intimacy in the future.

Prevention of sexually transmitted infections and unwanted pregnancy can be administered by having a sexual assault exam done after the rape or assault. Antibiotics are given to victims to prevent certain STIs and the morning after pill is given to women to prevent an unwanted pregnancy, said Bennett.

After the event of a sexual assault or rape, the victim is presented with the option of pressing charges. Bennett works as an advocate to help the victim

through the process.

Bennett said that she will even go to medical or legal appointments with a victim if he or she wants her to.

"I'm pretty realistic about what people should expect. It's a long process and I let them know positives and negatives. I support them no matter what," Bennett said.

Bennett said that she encourages the victim to do what is better for themselves, rather than what family and friends want them to do. Sometimes reporting the rape or sexual assault and pressing charges can be very difficult for the victim.

"I can't blame someone that doesn't want to file charges," Miller said.

The victim may not want to go through the incident again in court, Miller said. The victim will have to testify in court and almost all the information will have to come from them.

According to Miller, a trial could last months and sometimes even up to a year in court.

Lt. Ken Fortney of the Bowling Green City Police Department said, "If the victim is identifiable, we always encourage victims to

follow through with charges."

"We would like to see the suspect prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," Fortney said.

In some cases, there is not enough evidence present to take a case to trial, especially when there is alcohol present. Leaving the evidence "muddled," Miller said.

If the victim has been drinking, it can make it difficult to remember details and difficult to build a criminal case, but it is "not something that can be used against the victim," Miller said.

"A person's ability to resist or consent matters," Miller said.

If a person purposely gets a victim drunk or drugged with the intention of having sex with them and intercourse takes place, it is considered to be rape, Miller said.

The majority of sexual assaults involve alcohol to some degree, and the people involved are not necessarily intoxicated, Miller said.

"Alcohol is the single biggest problem we face. A lot of other problems we deal with are because of alcohol," Miller said.

Serial rapists are a rare occurrence, like at Ohio State

University. Many rapes are considered acquaintance rape.

"It rarely happens when people are walking and someone jumps out of the bushes, but we've had them through the years," Miller said.

James Weigand, chief of the Bowling Green Campus Police Department said, "Students need to know their environment."

CASO, which stands for Coalition Against Sexual Assault Offenses, is an organization that educates students on sexual assaults and rape. The group consists of students, faculty members, health educators, health care professionals, law enforcers, residence life staff and other people that want to combat sexual assault.

CASO provides information on how people can avoid becoming victims of sexual assault or rape. CASO states that by avoiding secluded places, walking in groups, avoiding the misuse of alcohol or drugs, being cautious around people that try to control you in any way and always having your own transportation available.

On campus there are many

places for victims of sexual assaults and rapes obtain resources for treatment and emotional recovery.

The Counseling Center available for individual counseling and can also work as a resource for other services on campus.

"We help make them aware of resources that could help them," said Craig Vickio from The Counseling Center.

Victim's advocates at the Women's Center can help victims with legal and medical aspects and can help them know what they should expect. If a student needs to take time off from classes, a victim's advocate can help make it possible, said Bennett.

The Link is another resource that can help to refer victims. It is a 24 hour crisis number that has access to people that are specially trained in dealing with rape and sexual assault situations.

"One person answers the phone, and can call other places for the person that calls," Bennett said.

PATRIOT ACT limits personal freedom

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Salem, from the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, said.

"Some people are still held without access to family or lawyers for minor visa violations that normally would not get them arrested," he said. "The government has went into people's homes, downloaded computer files and has taken pictures, and has no obligation to inform the people," Salem said.

"Just how much loss of liberty is truly essential and how much should be tolerated?" Dennis Hale, professor of journalism, said.

"This USA PATRIOT ACT doesn't protect," Salem said. "It's trying to keep people from having views different from the government's view. I don't think that kind of policy will ever make us safer."

It was also mentioned by Salem that when the Oklahoma City bombing happened, there was no legislation passed, law enforcement was just stepped-up.

There might not have been any legislation that was necessary, except using the law enforcement that already exists, David Jackson said, assistant professor of political science.

"When confronted with a problem, Congress likes to pass a law," Jackson said. "The problem with this is that it's sort of a new Cold War. We will never know when it's over."

Salem said that the ACLU's major concern is that the USA PATRIOT ACT is going to be law indefinitely.

"Most of us Muslims came here looking for freedoms and civil liberties... we are the ones who took the heat," Farouq said. "We do not want our civil liberties to be hijacked by those who gave them to us."

Police closer to sniper suspect

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Robert Young, a Washington construction worker, returned to the shopping center yesterday to talk with police. He said he had heard a muffled gunshot and saw a white van the night before.

Young said as he backed his truck out of his parking spot, a white Astro van with two men inside tried to turn into his lane. He said the driver appeared very agitated to find his way blocked and instead drove by a neighboring Chinese restaurant and out of sight.

Young described the driver as

a short man of slight build who appeared to be Mideastern. He said, "I got a good look at the guy."

The driver "seemed to be excessively irritated because he couldn't pull into my lane," he said. "I thought this fool was going to want to get out of the van and duke or something. But he didn't. He kept on going."

All the victims have been cut down by a single bullet fired from a distance with a high-powered rifle as the victims went about their everyday tasks. The sniper's only apparent communication with investigators has been a tarot death card inscribed, "Dear Policeman, I

am God."

In a continuing appeal for the public's help, Moose released composite images of a white van with roof racks that witnesses saw after Friday's slaying of a man at a gas station near Fredericksburg, Va.

Moose said there appeared to be similarities between the van seen at Friday's shooting and the van from Monday night's attack. Manger would not say whether witnesses to the latest attack were able to give complete license plate numbers to investigators.

"Each shooting has revealed more to this investigation. We're encouraged every day," said

Michael Bouchard, an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The sniper escaped a huge dragnet around Falls Church, 10 miles west of the nation's capital. Traffic was backed up for miles as police surrounded and searched dozens of white vans.

Tod Burke, a former Maryland police officer who teaches criminal justice at Radford University in Virginia, said the killer is either escaping before the dragnet comes down or has some kind of hideout where he can watch the chaos that erupts.

Sponsors support Drink Think

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"Drink Think" is being sponsored by numerous organizations. The Panhellenic Council, the Athletic Department, the Special Program Series Fund, Pepsi Funding, and the Success Challenge and Alcohol Education Grants through the Wellness Connection all helped sponsor the event.

For more information on Rick Barnes or Campuspeak, visit the website: www.campuspeak.com.

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Ohio residents who have not renewed their drivers' licenses since July 1 may be legally unable to donate their organs when they die. Ohio officials are putting a legally binding organ donor registry into effect through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles that will allow an individual's consent to override any objections from surviving family members.

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get a life

The calendar of events is taken from
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8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Personal Expressions Artwork Display
Sponsored by the Latino Student Union.
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Smith Multicultural Gallery

9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Project S.L.E.E.P.
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10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Hidden Japan
For more information, contact
Jacqueline Nathan at 419-372-8525.
Willard Wankelman Gallery

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Ticket Sales
Delta Sigma Theta will be selling tickets for their Delta Love Auction.
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
POETS
Education Bldg. Steps

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Native American Unity Council-Raffle
Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Lobby

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Affairs-National Student Exchange-Info Table
Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Lobby

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Recreational Sports Information Table
Information table to promote Rec. Sports winter break ski trip.
Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Lobby

Noon
Brown Bag Lunch: "Negotiating Lesbian Identity in the Academy"
To be "out" as a lesbian in the academy is obviously difficult because of homophobic and sexist discourse. But according to pre-

senter Carol Guess, political climate changes in academia complicate simple assertions of sexual identity, often in complex and unpredictable ways. Post-structuralist critiques of identity politics and feminist revisions of the meaning of "family" have perhaps as much impact as patriarchal thinking on ways that lesbian scholars choose to fashion their versions of "coming out" — or remain closeted.

The Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Mesa Oblivia What it means to be a Latino?

What does it mean to be Latino? Is it because your parents are from a Latino Nation? Is it because you celebrate Latino culture? Or is it because you speak Spanish? Whatever the case may be, join us in our discussion of what it means to be a Latino in the U.S. For more information, contact the Center for

Multicultural & Academic Initiatives at 372-2642.
Olscamp 101A

4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Treehouse Troupe Call-Backs
May be given specific items to prepare. The BGSU Department of Theatre is seeking actors and teachers to audition for Treehouse Troupe Productions for Young People "A Red Rose" & "Inventing Ohio". Teach & run workshops for elementary students, perform 2 shows for elementary students, gain experience in touring productions, earn 6 credit hours, course meets all day Tuesday & Thursday (during Spring Semester). Scripts available in 338 South Hall. For additional information, please contact Dr. Scott Regan at 372-7179. Sign up for auditions on bulletin board across from Theatre office (338 South Hall).
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5 p.m.
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Towers Inn in McDonald Dining Center

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
POETS
Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Lobby

7 p.m.
Next Frame Film Festival
Sponsored by the University Film Organization.
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7:30 p.m.
C.A.R.E. Student Organization Meeting
C.A.R.E. (Concerns, Awareness, Representation and Education for disability issues) is a student organization that strives to increase the awareness of disability issues on the BGSU campus. Any undergraduate or graduate students with or without disabilities is welcome to join. To get involved with C.A.R.E., please come to a meeting or contact the Disability Services for Students office at (419) 372-8495 if you would like more information.
318 Bowen-Thompson Student Union

8:30 p.m.
Krush Groove, UAO Movie
Union Theatre

9:15 p.m.
Drink Think! A Personal Approach to Alcohol!
Sponsored by Panhellenic Council.
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lenhart Grand Ballroom

THE CAMPUS BLOTTER

Monday, Oct. 14:

Complainant reported that her book bags were stolen from Lot 3. Complainant reported the screen of a computer monitor in Olscamp was damaged.

A white substance was found in Kreischer. It was sugar.

Complainant reported his cell phone was lost on campus.

Complainant reported some items from the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity house were stolen.

Complainant reported the theft of a camera worth approximately \$500 from University Hall.

A report of a suspicious and unidentified person in Founders Hall.

A report was received of a loud explosion and flash from the area of Lot H. The entire area was thoroughly checked, but nothing out of the ordinary was found.

Complainant reported that she received a disturbing telephone call in Batchelder from an unknown subject.

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The life span of a taste bud is 10 days.

Did you know...
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OPINION

Supreme Court refuses flag case

The Supreme Court decided yesterday that they would not settle a free-speech case involving the Confederate flag. CNN reported that the court had been asked if a descendant of a Confederate soldier would be able to fly the flag at a Maryland Civil War cemetery on a daily basis.

The Confederate flag has unfortunately become something that is racially diverse, rather than a part of our country's history. Patrick J. Griffin, a former

YOU DECIDE

Do you think there should be more strict laws against the Confederate flag?

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leader of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, originally went to court when cemetery administrators turned down his request to fly "a historically accurate Confederate battle flag."

The Confederate flag evokes fear among many people because of the people who fly it regularly, for example, the Ku Klux Klan. The Klan is a terrible group that should be eradicated due to their views on race and their support of murder. Perhaps deservingly, the flag has been given a bad name since its origin.

However, the flag is a part of our history that we cannot ignore. The choice of the Supreme Court to deny this case is unfair to an entire culture.

In the South, Confederate Memorial Day is still celebrated in some states. While this may seem wrong or even humorous to many of us, the point behind this holiday is not one in vain. They are simply honoring those who died for a cause that they believed in greatly. The flag should honor those who are dead and what they were fighting for. In the South, though, it is part of their history and many lost loved ones for their cause. This should not be forgotten.

However, what the flag stands for in many people's minds prohibits the common practice of displaying it. Too often the sight of a Confederate flag is seen being displayed in Northwest Ohio. Unless these people are from Southern descent, the flag often stands for hatred of a race or lifestyle. This display of the flag is simply unethical and wrong.

Flying the flag is a common practice in the South and often confrontations occur between different people. For example, a

teenager in Texas was flying the flag on his pick-up truck and was shot. This just goes to show the problems that can be caused by displaying the Confederate flag.

However, it is a freedom of Americans to fly any flag on their own property at any time they like. This is what makes us Americans — freedom of speech. Therefore, the right to fly it should not be infringed. The hatred that often surrounds the flag, though, desperately needs to be addressed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Complaints not aimed at Union staff

This is in response to the Guest Column I wrote that was published Monday.

I would like to apologize if I offended the food service workers who work at the Student Union. My complaints were not directed towards them, but to the management itself. Perhaps I should restate my complaint about the messes and aim them to fellow BGSU students who do not pick up after themselves. It is really disgusting and it makes the Union look gross. I will not however, apologize for my opinion, but in the future I will hold out on my negativity to express other more important things that affect the University (i.e. academics and the lack of money to support

them). In the future BGSU might want to do more research and space planning before committing to a new building.

KATIE DILWORTH
STUDENT

Understand cultures before insulting them

On Oct. 14, in *The BG News*, a student claimed, when asked, if he could go anywhere in the world, he would go to Turkey, where he could get "money for nothing and chicks for free." I hate to single someone out, so I won't mention your name. But it was said in a public forum, so I will respond publicly.

I know everyone likes to sound smart and sassy when they answer these sort of questions, but when smart and sassy

comes out as stupid and degrading to an entire population, sometimes it's better left unsaid.

Having just hosted a visitor from Turkey, I was appalled when she told me of the warnings she received when she left her home to visit the States. Based on her family and friends' many encounters with brash and stupid American tourists, she was warned that American men are disrespectful brutes with no concern for their country, its customs, or its people. I told her that most Americans are decent, but perhaps spoke to soon. The people of the world are not play-things and deserve the same respect that you demand for yourself, your mother, your father, or your sister.

DAVIN HECKMAN
STUDENT

Lab hours are inconvenient

TIMOTHY W.
EFFLER

Guest Columnist

I am writing this letter as a response/addition to Katie Dilworth's article, "Union Lacks in Some Areas." I really did not pay any attention to this letter until around 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2002, when I found that the Union is not the only place that students should be complaining about. The day started out quite early for me, a student with almost all late night classes. At about 6:15 a.m. I decided to go to the BA in order to work on a project that involved me using one of the computers in a lab on the second floor. This computer held a file on its hard drive that I had to download for the homework I had to finish for my BUSE 304 word processing course. Little did I know that the BA computer labs were on lockdown. I went into the building and up to the second floor in order to use the computer and found that the labs were unlocked. Like any other unknowing student I opened the door and a high-pitched shrill buzz began sounding from the alarm box on the wall. It just so happens that the people that lock up, set the alarms and then leave the doors

unlocked in order to possibly lure the students into setting off the alarm and having the police respond to it. At first, I decided that it would be best to leave, but then my conscious caught up with me and made me stick around to explain what happened. As I waited I saw an officer come up the stairs towards me. I explained to him what happened and he found it kind of comical, as long as nothing was missing. Then he explained to me that the only lab open all night was way over on the other side of campus at the Tech Building. This was kind of disturbing to me. I wondered how the only lab open overnight would be so far away from the majority of the dorms on campus. The officer kept explaining that in order to get to this building one could call campus escort, 2-Ride, or take the shuttle. After thinking about this I found that there was another error in the system. Campus Escort shuts down at six and the shuttles don't open until seven, which leaves 2-Ride. How many times have you tried to call 2-Ride and gotten that automated message saying the owner of the phone is not there? If you're anything like me, it has happened to you at least ten to fifteen times and those are the times you really need the ride. Well, this unreliable service is the only thing

open in order to receive a ride anywhere on campus. This means that in order to get to the tech lab in the dead of winter, one must either pray for 2-Ride to answer or bundle up and walk over. I didn't really have to worry about the getting over there part considering the officer offered me a ride, yet I was positive that since this was the only overnight lab it would have the program I needed. My assumptions were wrong. I got there and found that the lab computers only have design programs on them, which are little help to anyone except design students. After realizing that the University is unorganized and has an extreme lack of student awareness, I decided to try my luck on a ride home. Luck didn't seem to be on my side, for I remembered that I was in the worst hour on campus. After calling and receiving the message from 2-Ride a few times, I finally got a hold of them. After about ten more minutes of waiting I saw the white van pop up over the horizon and realized that my adventure was over. After setting off an alarm, finding that the only 24-hour lab on campus holds no programs for anyone but tech majors, and waiting over half an hour for the ride home, I decided to call it a night and go back to bed.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is the biggest problem facing our generation today?



ASHLEY SZOZDA
FRESHMAN, SPECIAL ED.

"Smoking. Everyone is doing it, and no one is trying to quit."



NOAH DINGER
SENIOR
SPORTS MARKETING

"You're bugging me while I'm trying to study for this test."



ERIC GRIDER
FRESHMAN
ARCHITECTURE

"Laziness. I know for me it is so much easier to sit around and play Nintendo than to do work."



JEFF BORGER
FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED

"Drinking. Too many people drink themselves stupid to the point where they don't know what's going on."

Starting smoking is self-conscious

JOSEPH
WOODRING

Asst. Opinion Editor

Our infamous justice system bared its fangs again earlier this month by awarding 64-year-old Betty Bullock of Newport Beach, CA \$28 billion. This sets the all time record for damages awarded by any tobacco company in our country's history. Before this case, no one had even come close to such an amount; the most awarded was \$3 billion.

Philip Morris, the maker of the famous Marlboro cigarettes was the evil empire being looked down upon in this particular case. Bullock claimed that Philip Morris enticed her to smoke through false advertising and believed the company when it said there was no evidence connecting tobacco to cancer despite medical evidence to the contrary.

This first point seems a bit confusing. Bullock seriously believed that smoking wasn't bad for her. How no one would notice what effects smoking has on his or her body is beyond me. I guess the wheezing, coughing, chest pains, and short breathing didn't tip her off. I guess that's understandable. But the fact that people have been studying the adverse effects of cigarettes since the 1980s should have clued her in.

The tobacco companies are not the ones to blame here. The fault of smokers lies in the hands of the smokers themselves. Starting smoking is purely a choice we make as humans. No one held a gun to her head and told her she had to have a cigarette.

The tobacco companies have been putting warning labels on cigarette packs for years. Bullock just got lung cancer last year. If she had stopped smoking when warnings were first put on labels of packs, she never would have gotten lung cancer.

Furthermore, the Marlboro man doesn't make me want to smoke. Apparently, though, she just couldn't resist seeing a cowboy in the middle of nowhere on a horse holding a cigarette. That sure makes me want to reach for a smoke.

The tobacco companies are no more to blame for people getting lung cancer than

McDonald's is for a person becoming obese. This lawsuit is the same thing. If I ran my car into a wall, can I sue the people who put that wall up? Of course I can't. It's my fault for running my car into the wall; I made the decision to drive badly. The same thing applies to this case. The tobacco company does nothing more than sell a product. If you choose to buy a product and use the product, you must be prepared to suffer the consequences that accompany this product.

If you drink too much alcohol and get liver cancer, should you sue that brewing company? We must learn to start living up to our life choices.

Whether using the patch, the gum, Zyban or even some sort of therapy, quitting smoking can be done. Bullock must have known just as well as any rational adult does that smoking is a health risk. For years there have been smoking bans, warning labels, and countless lawsuits for hospital treatment from cancer. Anyone with half a brain should know that if they choose to smoke, they are choosing to risk their life.

My last disagreement with this lawsuit is the irrational amount of \$28 billion awarded to Bullock. People may see this as a large victory against the tobacco company, and that may be. But what people may forget is the adverse effect this amount can have on our economy. The day the ruling was handed down, Philip Morris stock dropped six percent. This may not seem like much to some, but this was just on the first day. Whether we like it or not, tobacco companies help to keep our economy strong. The more we try to stick it to them, the more we stick it to ourselves.

Obviously, Philip Morris will appeal this ruling and hopefully the amount awarded to Bullock will be drastically reduced. What we must learn from this, though, is that we can't live reckless lives and expect someone else to pay for it. In the end, it doesn't matter how much Bullock is rewarded because she will probably die prematurely due to 47 years of smoking. It's time for our society to begin accepting the consequences of our actions and stop blaming everyone else.

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EVOLUTION TO BE PART OF CURRICULUM

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The state school board said yesterday it will adopt a science curriculum that includes evolution and critical analysis of the theory, a decision that allows individual school districts to still decide whether to teach alternatives such as "intelligent design."

The sixth Great Lake?

By Thomas J. Sheeran
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — A hometown effort in Michigan to have little Lake St. Clair designated as a sixth Great Lake stalled yesterday amid opposition from other members of the Great Lakes Commission.

Backers withheld a proposed resolution, fearing commission members would defeat it, according to Douglas Martz, chairman of the Macomb County, Mich., water quality board.

Martz worked the annual meeting crowd, passing out "Lake St. Clair the sixth Great Lake" bumper stickers and buttons that read, "Lake St. Clair the heart of the Great Lakes."

"I'm pushing it as the heart, not necessarily as the sixth, Great Lake," he said, emphasizing the role a heart plays in a big body.

Another backer, Bill Smith, also from Macomb County on the lake's western shore, seemed resigned. "More work needs to be done," he said.

Backers think Great Lakes status could bring more federal funding to the long-polluted lake and help the shipping industry. Opponents think the move is unnecessary and that the number of lakes should remain at the traditional five.

Donald R. Vonnahme, Illinois director of water resources and a commission alternate member, said Great Lakes designation isn't required to qualify for federal cleanup funds.

Ohio had signaled before the meeting that it would oppose the measure. Martz said he couldn't name a Lake St. Clair backer among the seven other states and two Canadian provinces on the commission.

A similar push is pending before the Michigan Legislature.

The final decision would be up to Congress, which in 1998 voted to designate Lake Champlain along the New York-Vermont line as a Great Lake. Congress revoked the designation weeks later.

A commission staff review of pollution cleanup efforts in Lake St. Clair said the lake's problems are a microcosm of the Great Lakes.

Calling Lake St. Clair the "heart" of the Great Lakes "is an apt analogy," given its shape and location, said Matt Doss, a commission environmental quality manager. Pollution problems get noticed quickly in Lake St. Clair, he said.

The lake is located between lakes Huron and Erie, with the United States on the west and Canada on the east. The other Great Lakes are Ontario, Michigan and Superior.

Lake St. Clair's average depth is 10 feet and, at 400 square miles, it is one-seventh the size of Lake Ontario, smallest of the Great Lakes.

Doss said half the sport fishing in the Great Lakes basin occurs on Lake St. Clair, with 1.5 million fish taken per year.

Winter home found for 'Free Willy' star

OSLO, Norway — After weeks of searching, supporters of Keiko the killer whale found a winter home yesterday for the star of the "Free Willy" movies.

The 6-ton orca showed up in Norway's Skaalvik fjord in early September after swimming 870 miles following his release from a netted bay off Iceland in July.

The Free Willy/Keiko Foundation and Norwegian authorities studied many sites before settling on Taknes Bay, to the delight of people in nearby Halså, the main village on the fjord.

Court rules CD prices too high

MINNEAPOLIS — A groundbreaking court decision has ruled music fans will get cash back as compensation for inflated compact disc prices as early as next year.

Late last month, the world's five largest record labels and the United States' three biggest music retailers were found guilty of collusion and were ordered to pay consumers more than \$143 million.

Announcements explaining how U.S. consumers can participate in the payout will appear early next year. Under a proposal being considered, customers would receive a check after filling out a form similar to a state tax rebate.

Woman gives birth to granddaughters

RAPID CITY, S.D. — When Trish Roberts was 14, she learned she was born without a uterus, leaving her unable to bear children.

"We told her at that time, if the good Lord was willing, I would carry for her when the time came," said her mother, Sharon Dunn.

Roberts and her husband, Mike, had a frustrating experience trying to adopt a child three years ago and then were reminded of a woman who carried twins for her daughter. The couple, both 25, took Dunn up on her offer to be a surrogate mother.

Last Thursday, Dunn gave birth to her twin granddaughters, Kaitlyn and Shelby.

"There's nothing I wouldn't do for those two little girls," said Dunn, 48. "I mean they're just, they're great. I love them to death, and they've made our family complete."

The girls were delivered by Caesarean section and have been in the neonatal intensive-care unit at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

11 bodies found in railroad car in Iowa

DENISON, Iowa — The bodies of as many as 11 people were found inside a railroad car stored at a grain elevator.

The car had been latched on the outside and there was no evidence of any food or water, Crawford County

Sheriff Tom Hogan said yesterday.

The victims had apparently boarded the rail car in Mexico four months ago and were possibly smuggled into the country, said Jerry Heinauer, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for Nebraska and Iowa.

It was difficult to count the huddled bodies, Hogan said. Authorities had said there were as many as 11.

Winona Ryder no show for trial start

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Winona Ryder didn't appear in court yesterday for the start of her trial on shoplifting charges, prompting a judge to postpone her case for a day.

Judge Elden J. Fox delayed the trial until tomorrow after prosecutors and Ryder's attorney met in his chambers. The judge, who said the actress was absent because of an "unusual" circumstance, previously said she should have been present yesterday unless otherwise notified by the court.

Italy man kills seven, then himself

CHIERI, Italy — A heavily armed man fatally shot his ex-wife and six other relatives and neighbors yesterday and then killed himself in a rampage that horrified a northern Italian town, police and news reports said.

The bodies of three men

and five women were found in two adjacent apartments in Chieri, a suburb of the northwestern city of Turin, said Col. Filippo Ricciarelli, of the carabinieri paramilitary police in Turin.

Italian news reports identified the assailant as Mauro Antonello, a 40-year-old gun collector and construction worker. They said he entered the home of his ex-wife, fired at her and her relatives and some neighbors in the two apartments and the garden, and then turned a gun on himself.

Violent Muslim group disbands

BALI, Indonesia — Indonesia's most violent Muslim extremist group announced yesterday that it was disbanding, in what appeared to be the first sign that the government is cracking down on Islamic extremism following the deadly bombing of a Bali nightclub.

The announcement came as Indonesian officials interrogated a security guard and another man about the nightclub bombing, which killed nearly 200 people, and said traces of C-4 plastic explosive were found at the scene. Also, the accused ringleader of a separate extremist network, Jemaah Islamiyah, said he would submit to police questioning.

American officials describe Jemaah Islamiyah as a surrogate of al-Qaida in Southeast Asia.

Two guys were hiking through the jungle when they spotted a tiger who looked both hungry and fast. One of the guys reached into his pack and pulled out a pair of Nikes. His friend looked at him.



"Do you really think those shoes are going to make you run faster than that tiger?"

"I don't have to run faster than that tiger," his friend replied. "I just have to run faster than you."



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Colleges allow sexes to share room

By Lini S. Kadaba
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

SWARTHMORE, Pa. — Monday, 8 a.m., and Swarthmore College student Kaiko Shimura can't decide what to wear. So she asks best friend Joseph Altuzarra for advice.

He obliges, giving a nod to a black T-shirt featuring the punk band Anti-Flag, gray pants, and a white necklace with stars. "Does my sweater have any holes?" he asks.

The two sophomores are roommates who live together in a campus dorm room, even though Shimura, 19, is a woman and Altuzarra, also 19, is a man.

Swarthmore, joining the ranks of a handful of schools around the country, has extended coeducational housing beyond buildings and floors to include actual rooms, making for one of the most liberal dormitory policies in the country.

Haverford College in Haverford, Pa., Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., and Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., also permit men and women to live together. Students at other schools, including Rutgers University, Tufts University outside Boston, and New York University, have raised the issue but not won over administrators. At the other end

of the spectrum are state schools in Mississippi, which cannot have any kind of undergraduate coed housing.

Shimura and Altuzarra, along with three other students (two women and a man), live in Lodge 3, a rowhouse dorm where five students share two bedrooms, a kitchen, and a bathroom. Last year, the college permitted coed groups to live in lodges for the first time.

This fall, Swarthmore took an additional, and unusual, step by making seven two-person rooms available to mixed pairs, married or not.

"We're not prepared to consider that," says Robin Doan, Haverford's director of student housing.

The very notion of college students' cohabiting strikes some — mostly older alumni or administrators at schools with more traditional policies — as opening the door to school-sanctioned hanky-panky.

"A lot of people don't think it's moral, in any way, shape or form," says Gary Schwarzmüller, executive director of the Association of College and University Housing Officers International in Columbus, Ohio, who described Swarthmore's policy as rare.

"The idea of asking students to

learn how to cohabit is frankly irresponsible," says Jeffrey R. Docking, vice president of student affairs at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pa. "I see all sorts of pitfalls."

But talk to Swarthmore and Haverford students, and mixed-gender rooms appear to be more about the way this generation of men and women interact than about sex.

"You can live with your best guy friend," says Ginger Stevens, 21, one of nearly 4 percent of Haverford students who stay in coed apartments.

"We had coed by building. We had coed by hall. Now we have coed by room," said Myrt Westphal, an assistant dean and director of residential life at Swarthmore. "Lots of men and women are just friends, and why not live together?"

No one has chosen Swarthmore's two-person coed rooms, but that may be more a comment on the location — far from central campus — than on the intimacy of the living arrangements.

Swarthmore and Haverford both increased coed options in response to gay and lesbian students.

"A group of students from the queer community said, 'We find it's awkward to live with members



Vicki Valerio Philadelphia Inquirer

ADVICE: Kaiko Shimura gets a wardrobe consult from Joseph Altuzarra, her roommate at Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

of the same sex. What you're saying is that the whole world is heterosexual, and that's not true," Westphal says.

Since the school went to coed lodges and rooms, only one parent has complained. A few older alumni have raised concerns about Swarthmore's "promoting free sex."

Haverford also has gotten few complaints. Neither campus

allows freshmen students to apply for coed rooms. True, boyfriends and girlfriends could choose the option, but both students and administrators insist that rarely occurs.

"We haven't done bed checks since the '60s," Doan says. "We're treating them as young adults."

Westphal points to Swarthmore's taboo against "hallcast."

"You should not be romantically involved with someone on your hall — and not even in your building," she explains.

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Let us know if you think the University should allow men and women to share residence hall rooms. Vote online at www.bgnews.com.

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Falcon club planning bus trip to Kent St.

The University's Falcon Club, a group which, among other things, plans trips for students and community members to attend away games, is planning another trip for this football season.

This time around, the club is planning a trip for Falcon fans to follow the team to the Nov. 2 game between BG and Kent, a game which features two of the Conference's — and perhaps the nation's — quarterbacks, in Josh Harris and Joshua Cribbs.

The cost of a ticket, which includes bus fare and a game ticket, is \$30 for Falcon Club members and \$35 for non-members.

The game begins at 2 p.m., and the bus leave at 10:30 a.m.

Buckeyes, Badgers await big showdown

By Rusty Miller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS — Finally, Ohio State's players can admit that they're looking forward to playing Wisconsin.

Since last summer the Buckeyes have spoken fervently about how they were only concentrating on the opponent at hand. Still, thoughts of the Badgers kept creeping into their minds and occasionally into their words.

"It's no secret that we've all had our eyes on this football game for a lot of reasons," Ohio State Coach Jim Tressel said yesterday.

The principal reason is that Wisconsin (5-2, 0-2 Big Ten) stands in the way of the Buckeyes' march through the conference.

Ohio State (7-0, 2-0) is a half-game behind Iowa in the league — and does not play the Hawkeyes in the Big Ten's rotating eight-game schedule this season. Therefore, the Buckeyes can't afford a slip as long as Iowa continues to win.

On top of that, Ohio State is still in the hunt for a spot in the Fiesta Bowl for the Bowl Championship Series national championship. One loss and that hope most likely crumbles to dust, too.

There are other reasons why the game has taken on special importance, as well.

There's bad blood between the teams. Both sides have accused the other of a lack of respect. Wisconsin players believe the Buckeyes danced on the W logo at midfield after beating the Badgers two years ago. Ohio State players are upset that Wisconsin quarterback Brooks Bollinger allegedly signed an autograph that denigrated the Buckeyes and Ohio Stadium.

"We're going to go up there to win a game, not dance on a logo," Ohio State offensive tackle Shane Olivea said. "That's the way I look at it. We'll do the dancing when we get back to Columbus."

The teams have become rivals. The visiting team has won the last three meetings, and there have been several on-the-field incidents that showed less than ideal sportsmanship and gentlemanly behavior. There has been loads of trash talk, showboating and taunting.

"I would say it's a rivalry," Ohio State linebacker Matt Wilhelm said.

INJURED: HOUSTON TEXANS TACKLE TONY BOSELLI IS DONE FOR THE SEASON AFTER INJURY.



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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Injuries mount for Falcons

By Joel Hammond
SPORTS EDITOR

The number of the week in the Bowling Green football camp is 11. It's not 23 or 25, the Falcons' rankings in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll and the Associated Press poll, respectively.

It's not 15.6, the average points per game scored by Josh Harris, and it's not 49.6, the number of points the Falcons are averaging per game.

No, 11 is the most important

number this week, and will likely remain that way for an extended period of time. The 5-0 Falcons have 11 starters hampered by injuries this week, as they continue down a tough road of nine straight games with a home date against Western Michigan Saturday night. The Falcons are coming off a 45-35 win over Central Michigan Saturday, their fifth win this season and seventh straight overall, including last season.

Before the season, defensive

lineman Will Teague, tight end Craig Jarrett, and offensive linemen Andrew Hart and Rob Warren were casualties. Now, though, BG has been bit by an abnormally large injury bug, having lost numerous other starters within the past few weeks.

Defensive back Michael Malone and tailback Joe Alls both separated shoulders in the Falcons' win over Ohio two weeks ago. Defensive back Jason Morton, offensive lineman

James Williams, defensive lineman Rick Mauer, linebackers Luis Llamas and Jovon Burkes were all hurt within the past week or in the game at Central Michigan.

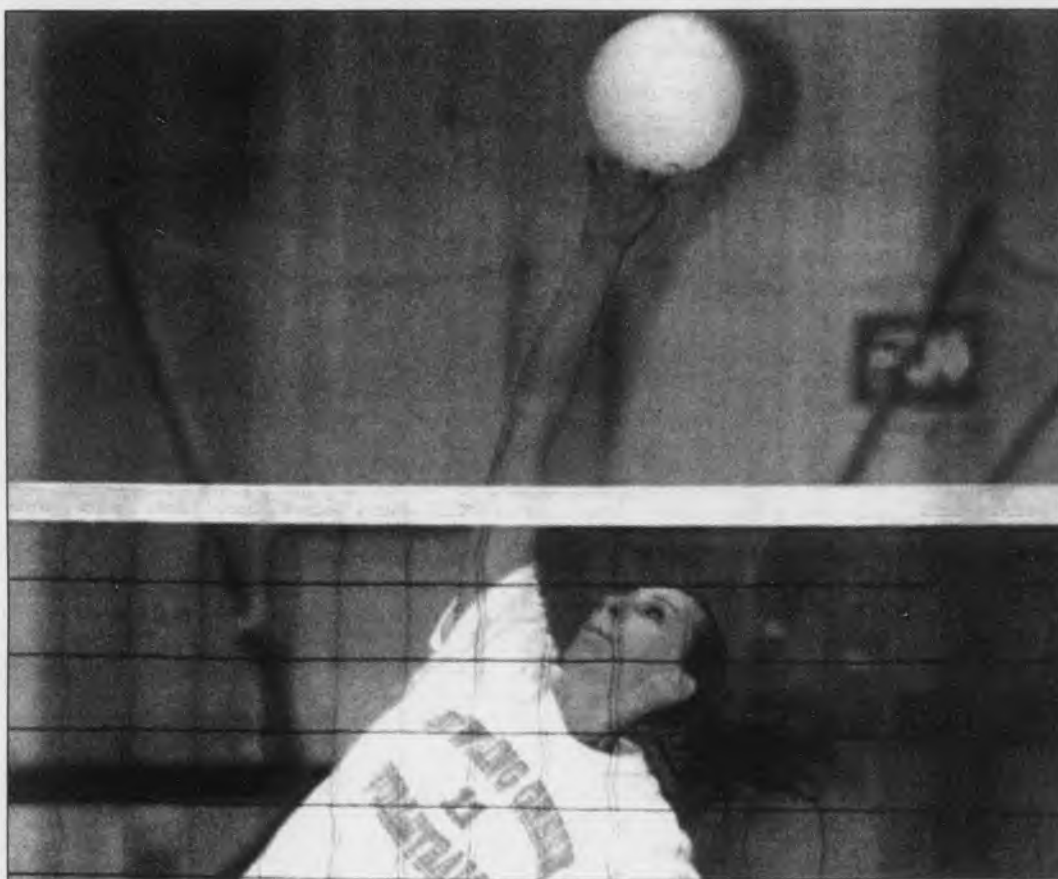
"Malone will play, and that's great news for me," Coach Urban Meyer said. "We could not win that game without Mike. He's a good player, he's fast. They throw that ball 40-50 times a game."

Williams will be out Saturday for sure with an MCL sprain, as well as Llamas, who had arthro-

scopic surgery yesterday. Mauer and Alls are questionable, and Meyer termed Morton, Burkes and Malone as 50-50 for this week's game.

"I think these injuries have brought us closer together," linebacker Chris Haneline said. "It is making us stick together as a unit, and play as a team. The offense picks up the defense and the defense picks up the offense"

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Ben Swanger BG News

SPIKE: Falcon redshirt sophomore Bridget Protas spikes the ball last night at practice.

Protas earns time

Sophomore realizes potential on volleyball court

By Jason A. Dixon
SPORTS REPORTER

Understandably, the fixation is often geared towards Kristin Gamby, as well as co-captains Susie Norris and Sara Sikorski when people watch the Bowling Green volleyball team in action.

But one player has gone from an inexperienced player with all the potential in the world, to a young woman who has realized that potential and is on the verge of reaching it. So, let the spotlight finally fall on Bridget Protas.

"When I first saw Bridget it was on tape, and I was wowed at how raw she was. She was very inexperienced, but I liked her athleticism and she had so

much potential," head coach Denise Van De Walle said. "She has come a long way in just a short period of time, and I think she is going to be one of the best players in the conference by her senior season."

The maturation process, however, took a while to begin. Protas, at the age of 11, had to endure her father's death and the cruel reality of trying to move on with only her mom and older sister.

By the time Protas was a sophomore in high school, she had taken an interest in volleyball, or lack thereof. Protas herself felt that the sport was something she decided to take part in as a result of her physical attrib-

utes.

"It was really difficult having to deal with the death of my father, because I didn't have anything to take my mind off of his absence," Protas said. "My mom said I should play volleyball, because I was never involved in many sports and I thought I would never learn how to play. I wasn't excited about playing, the coach just saw that I was 5-11 and could hit the ball."

The objective for her coach may have been to accumulate more wins for the program. The byproduct did produce an increase in victories, and it was also the creation of a budding star and by the end of her first

season Protas was taking the sport very seriously.

Later that school year, Protas would earn a letter in track, which culminated her days of competing in the high jump. Now, with her attention completely turned to volleyball she was evolving into one of the best prospects in the state of Michigan.

Although Holly High School was being overshadowed by teams that formed one of the toughest conferences in the area, Protas was being selected to the All-Flint Metro League team and Most Valuable Player

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Piniella sought by Mets, D-Rays

By Hal Bock
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Lou Piniella may not be out of work very long.

After releasing Piniella from the final year of his contract because he wants to work closer to home, the Seattle Mariners yesterday fielded calls from other teams interested in talking with their ex-manager.

If he really wants a short commute from his Florida home, the Tampa Bay job is open. However, it's unlikely the budget-conscious Devil Rays would be able to pay him enough or be able to adequately compensate the Mariners for allowing him to manage elsewhere.

The New York Mets, however, are another story.

Although the team owes ex-manager Bobby Valentine \$2.7 million for the final year of his contract, owner Fred Wilpon wants a high-profile individual with a background as a winner as the next bench boss. That comes with a high price tag.

Piniella fits that profile, managing Cincinnati to the World Series championship in 1990 and Seattle to a record 116 victories in 2001.

He also has New York roots, with two terms as manager of the Yankees, a team he played with for 11 seasons.

Piniella won't come cheap. He was due to make \$2.5 million with the Mariners next season and would likely want at least three years at \$3 million. That's well beyond the Tampa Bay budget.

The Mariners said they'd listen to the Mets and Devil Rays and the conversation could be compelling. In its statement releasing Piniella from his contract last year, Seattle included an important provision.

"The Mariners will seek to negotiate reasonable compensation from such clubs in exchange for releasing Lou from his employment contract," the team said.

That means players and/or cash.

On Tuesday, the Mets confirmed that Wilpon had spoken with Mariners president Chuck Armstrong to request permission to talk with Piniella.

Armstrong told the Mets that permission would be granted after the teams agree to a compensation package and that he would get back to Wilpon quickly.

"Assuming an agreement on compensation is reached, it is expected that Piniella will be interviewed shortly thereafter," the Mets said in a statement.

The Mariners also confirmed contact from Tampa Bay.

Benjamin keeps improving on the court

By Elliott Schreiner
SPORTS REPORTER

Everyone likes a hard worker. A person that takes the time to put in some extra effort, that wants the same results and the steady improvement as everyone else is admired by many. Yet, so many people are not willing to work hard to achieve their goals.

While hard work has been a key to every player on the BG

tennis team, perhaps none have worked harder than sophomore Cameron Benjamin.

Last year, Benjamin was 6-13 in singles competition and was used sparingly in doubles competition.

Playing in higher-seeded flights, against tougher competition, Benjamin has compiled a 4-3 record in singles matches and a 5-2 clip in doubles matches this

season.

"Last year, I didn't play as well as I would've liked," Benjamin said. "This year, I've worked harder and feel more positive about my game."

Her coach, Penny Dean, couldn't agree any more with Benjamin.

"Last year, Cameron was adjusting to the college game, this season she is better adjusted

and willing to work for every single point," Dean said.

Benjamin's improvements, like most athletes', came in the offseason.

"I had two-a-days during the summer," Benjamin said. "I had lessons from a private coach in the morning, then I went home and played against my sister."

While some may feel that practice makes perfect,

Benjamin feels that just practice isn't enough.

Benjamin also played in various tournaments, including events at Ohio State and Indiana University on top of a pro tournament she participated in.

"Cameron's offseason work has helped a lot," Dean said. "She played in tough tournaments

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CLUB SPORTS CORNER

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The BGSU Women's Club Lacrosse team traveled to Lansing, Michigan this past weekend to participate in Michigan State's Fall Ball Tournament. Being disadvantaged in all three games by playing one player short, and with no subs, the girls started off slow, with losses against Illinois, and the University of Michigan.

However, they kicked it into gear when it counted against Toledo, their long time rival. A very close game ended in a 6-5 win for BG, with the help of three goals by Lauren Soeder, two goals by Meredith Pasch, and one goal by Jenni Botkin. Their season officially begins in the spring, but they are already off to a great start.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

The Bowling Green Ultimate Frisbee team recently competed in a one-day tournament in Ada, Ohio. The five-game day started out with a match between a team with a combination of Case Western and Ohio Wesleyan University players. BG lost 11-2. The second game was against the Ohio State "B" team. BG hung around against them, but went down 11-9. After regrouping, BG beat Muskingum and Kenyon 11-6 and 11-5 respectively. The final game of the day was against an

Ohio Northern team that in the past has been evenly matched with BG. ONU eventually downed BG, 11-5. For complete results please visit www.bgultimate.com

WOMEN'S RUGBY

The BGSU Women's Rugby A-side team beat Western Michigan 21-5 Saturday. This was the sixth game in the girls' season, leaving them with a 3-3 record this semester. The BGSU WRFC B-side team lost to WMU 17-7. The girls go up against Ferris State this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Poe Road rugby field.

FENCING

BG's fencing club is hosting the Northern Ohio Divisional fencing competition this Friday and Saturday in Eppler Complex. The club is accepting new members, and meets every Monday and Wednesday in Eppler North 221.

Editor's note: On Wednesdays, The BG News will update you on the progress and activities of various club sports on campus. These submissions were written by members of the actual teams. If you are a member of a Club Sports team, and you would like your submission printed in the Club Sports Corner, please email Sports Editor Joel Hammond at joel@bgnews.com.

Benjamin not satisfied yet

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this summer and that improved her game a great deal."

Benjamin has also come up with a battle-tested technique to continue improving throughout the season as she did over the summer.

"I make goals before a match and try to reach them," Benjamin said. "I analyze the goals I've reached, then I build on that."

While this simple equation to improving may seem fool-

proof, it sometimes isn't enough.

Before the season, Coach Dean came up with an inspirational saying that Benjamin believes strongly in: "As long as you're still playing, you can win."

Since there is no time limit in tennis, this saying is very true.

"That saying lets me know that I should never give up, it gets me through the tough third sets," Benjamin said.

While Benjamin's hard work may inspire her teammates, her

teammates have also inspired her.

She cites the team captains as a big reason for her and the team's success so far.

Along with her inspirational and her mental improvements, Benjamin has also honed her technical tennis game.

"In doubles competition, her chemistry with her partner has improved greatly; Cameron has an improved concept of positioning and has gotten better with her volleys," Dean said.

Benjamin also has noticed

improvements in her technical game.

"I'm not rushing points this year and I feel better about my ground strokes and serves," Benjamin said.

Benjamin has improved on three main aspects of tennis and life: She has strengthened her mind, her heart and her physical talents.

While Benjamin has met expectations thus far, she isn't ready to let up. This fast start is just the first step to an exciting season.

Meyer struggles with injuries

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and the special teams changes the game.

"With the young guys unfamiliar in their roles, it's critical we come together as a team and stick together until these older guys are able to heal up and be back on the field."

Besides the glaringly large number of injuries the Falcons have sustained, BG is sitting pretty in the Mid-American Conference and national pic-

tures. BG is the only remaining undefeated team in the MAC, and is a game behind Northern Illinois in the MAC West Division standings.

In addition, the Falcons are ranked nationally for the first time since 1985, when the Falcons were ranked 20th in the AP poll.

"This is all about recruiting," Meyer said. "You wake up in the morning and think about recruiting. You practice and you look and visualize and say we

need to find more players at this position. This whole program is about players. ... The quarterback and the offensive line and the receivers are talented guys; but, there's not enough of them."

"Bowling Green is pretty good, there's a whole lot of championships out there on that wall. In the coaching world, people know about Bowling Green. The non-coaching people—you want to make sure they make it out as

what the program is: It's a first-class, good bunch of kids who go to class and play hard on game day."

Meyer also acknowledged that the players on the team are smart enough to not allow all the hoopla to distract them.

"You have to be careful," Meyer said. "If I had immature, non-bright football players, then I'd be more concerned. We're a very smart team and very understanding of who we are."

Protas combines talent with experience to become better player

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of her team as a junior. Still, though, her inexperience was holding her back from being an excellent player.

Entering her senior season, Protas had arrived a more polished player, earning all-region honors and all-state honorable mention in leading Holly to a 26-17-4 record and a third place finish in the conference.

After helping restore respectability at her alma mater during the three seasons she competed, Protas was focusing on receiving a scholarship and playing Division I volleyball, a feat that seemed improbable at the embryonic stages of her career.

While most in-state colleges were overlooking all that Protas brought to the court, she remained hopeful that her dream would come true at any moment. And when the moment came, her search was over.

"No one really offered me any scholarships, aside from Buffalo and some other small schools, and I didn't want to play for any of them," Protas said. "It really motivated me that there weren't many schools interested, but when I saw BG and coach Van De Walle offered me a scholarship, I knew

this was where I wanted to play."

Her arrival on campus created even more of log-jam at the middle hitter position. Senior Joanna Papageorgiou, Caty Rommeck, who was a junior at the time, and Kristin Gamby, who had just come off of a red-shirt season the previous year were all ahead of Protas in the rotation.

Protas accepted that she would have to sit and learn during her first season. The fact that Papageorgiou, Rommeck, and Gamby produced a combined 1,089 kills, appeared in 279 games and all hit above .260 en route to the Falcons' first East Division Title since 1992 justified Van De Walle's reasons for red-shirting Protas.

"I knew that she was going to need to sit out that first-year, because we were so talented at her position and she still had a lot to learn," Van De Walle said. "I could not pass up on a talent like that, and I know that observing how different college was from high school really benefited her."

"It was tough sitting out that first-year, especially since the team did so well. But I know I probably would not play as much as I would have wanted coming in since we were so deep," Protas said. "I learned a lot about the game just sitting out that season



Ben Swanger BG News

DUG: Bridget Protas digs the ball last night at practice. Protas has put together game experience with her raw talent to become one of the Falcons' go-to players.

and it really prepared me."

The following season, Protas could finally begin her collegiate career, but still became hard-pressed to see any action due to the return of both Rommeck and Gamby. Protas competed in 13 games and established five of her 17 kills in a game against Oakland, averaged 1.31 per contest, and hit .205 for the season.

Perhaps, she thought, this was a sign of things to come.

"After my freshman season I really focused on improving my overall game," Protas said. "I wanted to improve my hitting, my blocking, my strength, and just my overall knowledge of the game."

Indeed, it was, and Protas did not prolong what BG fans had been anticipating since making BG her home. In an opening season victory over Oakland, Protas finished behind juniors Susie

Norris and Laura Twyman with 11 kills, had three defensive digs and hit .227 for the three set match.

Hampered by an injury for part of the team's road-trip earlier this season, Protas headed into the Badger Invitational, where she showed that hurt or not, this was going to be her coming out party.

Following a loss to then 16th-ranked Wisconsin, Protas and the Falcons revealed how much talent they possess. Protas produced 10 kills and a .348 hitting percentage in BG's 3-0 sweep of Illinois-Chicago.

Later that night, the Falcons defeated Tulane in five sets, as Protas poured in 15 kills and hit .250 for the match. The Falcons finished the tournament with a 2-1 record and Protas joined Gamby on the all-tournament team.

This season Protas has been a steady provider for a young and ever-improving Falcon squad. She has appeared in 48 games and started in 12 of the 16 matches, is fourth on the team with 98 kills and tied for fourth on the roster with a .224 hitting percentage. The 6-0 middle hitter has also accumulated 48 total blocks at the net and 37 defensive digs.

"I know I am getting better, but I still have a lot of improvements

to make," Protas said. "I want to continue getting better so I can become the best player I can be, help our team win more championships, and hopefully make it to the NCAA Tournament. I would also like to get my first triple-double before my career is over."

This Holly, Mich. native exudes humility, and maybe Protas' reticence on how far she has come given her circumstances is because she has come to the realization that there's so much further to go.

Nevertheless, Protas has arrived whether she acknowledges that or not, and the road that she has traveled upon thus far only shows that even the longest journeys begin with the smallest of steps. Slowly but surely, those steps have made her into one of the most underrated players in the Mid-American Conference.

"Looking back, I never thought I would be at this point. I have overcome a lot and Coach Van De Walle has been like a second mom to me and taught me so much about volleyball and life," she said. "I can't believe that my high school coach hypes me up so much every time I go back home and speak to the players at my old high school. I can't believe I used to be of those players."

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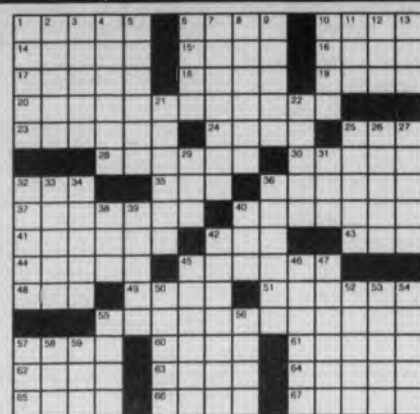
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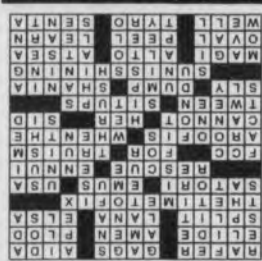


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- 37 Part 2 of quote
- 40 Part 3 of quote
- 41 Is unable
- 42 That girl

- 43 A Caesar
- 44 Poetic contraction
- 45 Abdominal exercises
- 48 Foxlike
- 49 Waste treatment center
- 51 Singer Twain
- 55 End of quote
- 57 Wise men
- 60 Palo Alto, CA
- 61 All confused
- 62 Elliptical
- 63 Banana wrap
- 64 Fix in the memory
- 65 Fit
- 66 Neophyte
- 67 "The Flying Dutchman" soprano

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